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## 2007 NAEFO Convention Set for September 18-19

The National Association of Elected Fire Officials (NAEFO) has set its Annual Convention for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18 & 19 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Elected fire officials from across the country are eligible for membership in NAEFO. The association's primary mission is to convey a unified, independent viewpoint on issues that impact the fire service on a national level.

Although young, NAEFO has gained a seat on the National Fire Sprinkler Advisory Committee and is quickly becoming a recognized leader on national fire service issues. For more information regarding NAEFO membership, log onto [naefo.org](http://naefo.org).

### 2007 CONVENTION INFORMATION

The convention will take place at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Guest rooms may be secured by calling 1.800.634.3454; be sure to identify your affiliation with NAEFO when making reservations. NOTE: Book your reservation by August 17 to receive the \$89 group rate; rooms secured after this date will be based on availability at the hotel rack rate.

Things to keep in mind when making reservations:

- Name changes requested after the cut-off date will not be permitted
- The first night's room and tax deposit *is required at the time your reservation is made*
- The deposit is non-refundable if cancellation occurs within 48 hours of arrival
- Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. — check-out time is 12:00 noon
- The hotel does not offer its own airport shuttle service; a number of transportation options are available at the airport and cab fare is approximately \$20 one-way

The Golden Nugget is located at 129 E. Fremont Street in Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. The toll-free reservations telephone number is 1.800.634.3454; the main telephone line for the Nugget is 702.385.7111. For more information regarding the Golden Nugget, log on to [www.goldennugget.com](http://www.goldennugget.com).

The brochure outlining classes and other convention events will be distributed in early summer.

## PDC Filing Reminder

It's time to file the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1) for calendar year 2006. The F-1 is due on or before April 16, 2007. Any commissioner who was in office during 2006 in a district serving 1,000 or more registered voters **must** file.

The F-1 can be filed electronically, by mail, or personal delivery. Visit the PDC website for blank forms and instructions at [www.pdc.wa.gov/filers/appointed/default.aspx](http://www.pdc.wa.gov/filers/appointed/default.aspx).

If you have questions regarding F-1 filing, please contact PDC by telephone at 360.753.1111 (toll-free)

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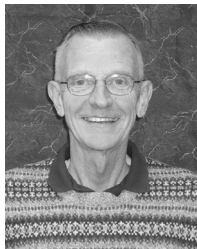
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## A Message from the President by Joe Dawson



**L**et me begin this, my first *Fireline* article as President of the WFCA, by assuring all of you that I will do my best to serve you well.

I think it is only fair to share my vision of the primary responsibility of the president of an association such as ours. That vision is quite simple.

I believe that the president of an organization is primarily a facilitator. The true direction of the association comes from the general membership through their county associations to their regional representatives. The regional reps make up the Board of Directors of the association and hence, the direction of the association.

If this sounds like I am an advocate of grass roots involvement, you are absolutely correct. Your input for legislative issues, topics and/or speakers for Saturday semi-

nars and conference, and any other ideas regarding the direction of the association are encouraged and welcome. The WFCA leadership, as well as the WFCA as a whole, is only as effective as you allow it and them to be.

*There are many important issues facing our organization this year...*

I encourage you to contact the office, any of the officers, or your regional reps with ideas, concerns or issues regarding fire service in the state of Washington.

Of immediate impact to our association is the current legislative session. As you know, our legislative committee collectively determined our legislative priorities and have shared their concerns with our Executive Director, Roger Ferris and our lobbyists.

In a letter to all our members in December 2006, Roger suggested proper etiquette when communicating with your legislators. As communication with our elected officials in Olympia is so crucial, I think it would be proper to restate Roger's suggestions. Therefore, in abbreviated form:

1. Be specific;
2. Be polite;
3. Be brief; and,
4. Base and back up your opinions on facts.

There are many important issues (legislative and otherwise) facing our organization this year and I pledge that I will support the collective wishes of the Board of Directors as we deal with all of these issues. I have the greatest respect for your elected Board and am confident they will represent you wisely and effectively.

Finally, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President this year. I look forward to successfully doing so with pride and dignity.

## Fire Service Directory Mailed

**T**he 2007 Washington State Fire Service Directory has been mailed to all WFCA member district commissioners, secretaries and chiefs.

Please be sure to check your district's listing and let the WFCA office know if there are any errors or updates, as the directory information is used to maintain the association's mailing address database.

For additional copies of the directory, contact the WFCA office at 1.800.491.9322, email [wfca@wfca.wa.gov](mailto:wfca@wfca.wa.gov), fax 360.664.0415 or write P.O. Box 134, Olympia, WA 98507.

## ON THE WEB

During session, the WFCA posts weekly legislative updates on its website. To view, visit [www.wfca.wa.gov](http://www.wfca.wa.gov) and select **Current Report** in the drop down menu under the **Legislative Reports** tab. NOTE: Weekly reports are sent to members on the WFCA email distribution list and mailed to WFCA members *by request only*.





## Mark Your Calendar for These Important Dates

- **March 5** Joint WFC/WFCA Legislative Day, Olympia. Information was mailed to WFCA members last month; log onto the WFC website at [wsafc.org](http://wsafc.org) for program and registration information or call 360.352.0161.
- **April 14** WFCA Saturday Seminar  
Spokane/Doubletree (downtown)  
Topics: Strategic Financial Planning & Budgeting and Fire District Finances & Bonds
- **April 28** WFCA Saturday Seminar  
Ocean Shores/Quinault Beach Resort  
Topics: Strategic Financial Planning & Budgeting and Fire District Finances & Bonds
- **June 2** WFCA Saturday Seminar  
Chelan/Campbell's Resort  
Topics: Fire Service Funding Toolbox and Legislative Recap & Priorities

The Saturday Seminar Series brochure, outlining complete class descriptions and registration information, will be mailed to WFCA members later this month.



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## Northwest Leadership Seminar March 7-9

The 38th Annual Northwest Leadership Seminar will be held March 7-9, 2007, at the Red Lion on the River in Portland, Oregon. Program highlights include:

- ♦ The Real Right Stuff, *presented by Colonel Rick Searfoss*
- ♦ Influence - The Ultimate Power Tool, *presented by Dr. Robert Cialdini*
- ♦ Cultural Intelligence: Telling the New Story, *presented by Jennifer James*
- ♦ Character First - Dynamic Leadership, *by Sheriff Ray Nash*
- ♦ The Rewards of Making a Difference, *by Arnold Shapiro*

For additional program information as well as a registration form, log onto [www.nwleadershipseminar.com](http://www.nwleadershipseminar.com). Seminar and lodging will be at the Red Lion on the River, 909 Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon, 97217, 503.283.4466.

## Ads

**FOR SALE by Duvall Fire (King 45):** '98 Chevy Tahoe Sport Utility 4x4, 5.7L, V8 eng, white, AT, A/C, Power Windows & Door Locks, Power Steering, Tilt w/Cruise Control, AM/FM Cassette, Roof rack, Alloy Wheels. Approx 61,000 Mi. \$9,000 O.B.O. All items are sold "As Is, Where Is" w/no warranty expressed/implied. Items can be inspected at 15600 1st Ave NE, Duvall, WA 98019. For more info contact Logistics Capt Ken Burnside "Duvall Fire", 425.788.1625, Fax 425.788.0199 or email [kburnside@duvallfire45.com](mailto:kburnside@duvallfire45.com).

**FOR SALE by E Pierce Fire & Rescue:** 70 MSA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus & 100 MSA 2216 psi SCBA Cylinders. Each Pack includes a MSA -2216 psi fiberglass composite wound cylinder, MMR mask, & integrated PASS device. Each Pack will sell for \$500. Additional cylinders may be purchased for \$50. All items are sold "as is, where as" and may be inspected at 800 Harrison St., Sumner, WA 98390. For further info contact Capt. Brian Schulz or Asst. Chief Barry Barquest at 253.863.5451.

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in Washington State 1.877.601.2828), or email [pdcc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov).

PDC staff congratulates fire districts whose commissioners all filed on time last year. These districts are listed on the WFCA website; to view, visit [www.wfca.wa.gov](http://www.wfca.wa.gov) and select **News & Press Releases** on the left hand column of the homepage.

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